



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Board of Commissioners was convened at 10:00 AM by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Administrator John Franek Jr. and Executive Office Supervisor Erin Good.

County personnel included Dave Lomison, Ray Stolinas, Deputy Administrator Natalie Corman, Chad Joyce, Hope Miller, Shelley Thompson, Joe Davidson, and Melanie Gordon.

Guests present included Niki Tourscher and Emily Schnellbaugh.

C-NET staff were present.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

### V. MEETING MINUTES

The Board will consider approving the minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from July 12, 2022.*

### VI. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 25 of 2022 – Emily Schnellbaugh, and Niki Tourscher joined the Board on proclaiming **July 15, 2022** as **Park and Recreation Professionals Day** in Centre County.

The Commissioners thanked all the Park and Recreation Professionals who work to keep the local parks clean and accessible for everyone to enjoy.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 25 of 2022.*

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**VII. RESOLUTION**

Resolution 11 of 2022 – Dave Lomison joined the Board to authorize Dave Lomison, Director of Transportation and/or Brett Evoke, Fleet Maintenance Coordinator the authority to execute any vehicle purchases and/or disposals, including titles of said vehicles on behalf of the County of Centre effective July 19, 2022 – Dept. 531/532.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 11 of 2022.*

**VIII. CONTRACTS – AUTHORIZATIONS**

A. Information Technology Systems – Chad Joyce, Hope Miller and Shelley Thompson joined the Board to ask for approval of a contract with RBA Professional Data Systems to provide a Graphical User Interface (GUI) Software enhancement for the eJury. The enhancement will improve efficiency in processing, streamline email response times to the jurors and includes the ability to utilize both text and email confirmations simultaneously when juror communication is required. The contract total is \$10,750 for the period of June 21, 2022 to July 31, 2022 – Dept. 142.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract with RBA Professional Data Systems to next week's Consent Agenda.*

Human Services

B. Adult Services – Deputy Administrator Natalie Corman asked the Board to approve the Grant Agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Fiscal Year 2021 regarding the Rapid Re-housing Program. The agreement total is \$385,415 funded through Federal funds for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 – Dept. 501.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the Grant Agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to next week's Consent Agenda.*

C. Children and Youth Services

Deputy Administrator Natalie Corman asked the Board to approve the following items:

- i. Contract renewal with Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families to provide foster and community residential services for dependent and/or delinquent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$10,000 funded as follows: State \$8,000 and County \$2,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 511.
- ii. Contract renewal with Western PA CARES for Kids to provide child advocacy center services as per the Centre County Abuse Investigation Policy. The contract total is \$1,000 funded as follows: State \$800 and County \$200 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 511.
- iii. Contract renewal with Growing in Faith Daycare to provide daycare services for dependent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$10,000 funded as follows: State \$8,000 and County \$2,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.

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- iv. Contract renewal with Families United Network Inc. to provide foster and residential services for dependent/ delinquent youth. The contract total is \$32,000 funded as follows: State \$25,600 and County \$6,400 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.
- v. Contract renewal with Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC to provide foster family care/community residential treatment for dependent and/or delinquent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$50,000 funded as follows: State \$40,000 and County \$10,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. – Dept. 511.
- vi. Contract renewal with Project Point of Light to act as a psychological consultant for youth and adults to aid in determining safety threats to children and recommend appropriate treatment. The contract total is \$1,500 funded as follows: State \$1,200 and County \$300 for the period of June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.
- vii. Contract renewal with Summit School, Inc to provide residential placement services for dependent and/or delinquent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$220,00 funded as follows: State \$132,000 and County \$88,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.
- viii. Contract renewal with Kids Court Childcare & Learning Center, Inc to provide child daycare services to dependent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$6,000 funded as follows: State \$4,800 and County \$1,200 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.
- ix. Contract renewal with Community Specialist Corporation to provide residential placement services for dependent and/or delinquent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$75,000 funded as follows: State \$45,000 and County \$30,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.
- x. Contract renewal with Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC to provide community residential and residential placement services for dependent and/or delinquent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$48,000 funded as follows: State \$38,400 and County \$9,600 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.
- xi. Contract renewal with Pressley Ridge to provide foster family care services and community residential treatments for dependent and/or delinquent youth in foster care. The contract total is \$50,000 funded as follows: State \$40,000 and County \$10,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 511.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the Children and Youth Services items i-xi to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- xii. Approve a data release agreement with Penn State University regarding child welfare data (CWD) for the purpose of research and education. There is no cost for this agreement for the period of July 11, 2022 to July 10, 2027 – Dept. 511.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the data release agreement with Penn State University pending solicitor review.*

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve this week's Consent Agenda.*

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- A. Emergency Communications 911 – Contract with ComPros to provide CPE maintenance and support for the Southern Alleghenies 9-1-1 Cooperative Telephone System. Services include hardware, software, monitor and response from Airbus (manufacturer) and ComPros (local technical support) labor. These maintenance costs are funded by the PEMA SAC Grant. This agreement was not due for renewal, however the cost of Centre County's share decreased so a new agreement was issued with the only change being the cost breakdown for Centre County. The total cost of the contract is \$402,192.32 for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026 – Dept. 354.

### Human Services

#### B. MH/ID

1. Letter of agreement with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to provide early intervention services that include occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, IFSP teaming and interpretation services. The contract total is \$300,000 funded as follows: State \$270,000 and County match \$30,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
2. Contract Addendum 1 with The Advocacy Alliance and the County of Centre. This will allow for funds to provide additional ID incident management services in the amount of \$8,000. The service provider's contract maximum will increase from \$15,000 to \$23,000 funded as follows: State \$21,940 and County match \$1,060 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.

- C. Aging – Addendum to agreement with Lock Haven University that allows the acceptance of interns. Lock Haven University and Mansfield University are surrendering their independent and degree granting authority to be incorporated into the scope of accreditation of Bloomsburg University, which will be renamed Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania or the Integrated University. The Integrated University will assume the rights and duties of the previous agreement for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 – Dept. 521.

#### D. Transportation

1. Contract renewal with Hull's Janitorial Services to provide cleaning and carpet services to the Transportation Office and garage rest room once per week for \$65.00 per week. The contract total is \$3,380 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 531/532.
2. Contract addendum with Community Integrations LLC to provide transportation services for the County. The new single rate will increase from \$2.55 to \$2.75 per mile for trips over 40 miles for the period of July 1, 2022 to April 4, 2026 – Dept. 531.

#### E. Facilities Management

1. Contract with McClure Company to provide boiler maintenance services and one inspection per year for the Courthouse. The contract total is \$5,140 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – Dept. 161.
2. Contract with McClure Company to provide boiler maintenance services and one inspection per year for the Willowbank Building. The contract total is \$5,140 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – Dept. 161.

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3. Contract with McClure Company to provide boiler maintenance services and one inspection per year for the Centre County Correctional Facility. The contract total is \$3,214 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – Dept. 161/333.

X. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$917,712.68 dated July 15, 2022.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated July 15, 2022.*

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XII. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ray Stolinas joined the Board to present the following letter of support:

Letter of Support for Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority CDBG-CV Grant Application.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support.*

XIII. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 105,260 registered voters in Centre County. The Precinct of the week is #67 Patton South Two with 1,614 registered voters. In the General Primary Election there were 354 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 29.43%.

B. Announcements

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XV. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

Board of Commissioners Work Session – 11 AM – Willowbank 146

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Salary Board – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

Finance Committee – 9 AM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Salary Board – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

XVI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 10:31 AM. The Board met in Executive Session from 10:31 AM to 11:12 AM and then adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM.

ATTEST:

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John Franek Jr.

Administrator